

# Public Hospital Vaccine Use Guidelines

Vaccine provided to you by General Injectables Vaccines (GIV) is purchased using State and Federal funds. Use of this vaccine must be in accordance with the following policies.

## Virginia Vaccines For Children (VVFC):

All VVFC eligible children should receive the vaccine free of charge. See VVFC program eligibility requirements below.

**Children under the age of 19 who meet one or more of the following criteria are VVFC vaccine eligible at a public hospital**

- Enrolled in Medicaid, including Medicaid HMOs
- Have no health insurance
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Have health insurance that does not cover vaccinations (underinsured)

## Non-VVFC Eligible Children:

Patients who are *NOT VVFC eligible and under the age of 19* may receive routine vaccines required for school entry free of charge using stock supplied by GIV. These vaccines include DTaP, Hib, IPV, MMR, and Varicella. Patients may also receive Hepatitis B vaccine free of charge consistent with the following policy:

**Hepatitis B Vaccine** should be administered free of charge to all children born on or after January 1, 1994. Hepatitis B vaccines should be provided at no cost to children who entered 6th grade on or after July 1, 2001.

**Patients who are not VVFC eligible and who do not meet the above criteria for Hepatitis B** vaccines should receive privately purchased Hepatitis B vaccine from the public hospital with the cost charged to the patient.

**Adult Immunizations** The following routine vaccines should be administered free of charge using stock supplied by GIV to all adults at a public hospital: **MMR, IPV, Td**

***Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (Prevnar) and Meningococcal Conjugate and Polysaccharide Vaccine:*** These vaccines are only available from GIV for VVFC eligible children. Patients who are not VVFC eligible should receive privately purchased vaccine at a public hospital.